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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: RECIPROCAL REMOVAL OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

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1. WHILE WE CANNOT, FROM HERE, ESTIMATE THE IMPACT ON THE US PUBLIC FROM MUTUAL ELIMINATION OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS, CONTINUED "FREEZE" PUTS USG IN SOMETHING OF AN EMBARRASSING POSITION: NOT ONLY WAS IT THE US WHICH PROPOSED THE ELIMINATION, BUT A DEPT SPOKESMAN ON FEBRUARY 28, 1977 PLACED OUR NEGOTIATION OF THIS QUESTION WITH GOB SQUARELY IN THE CONTEXT OF CSCE AND QUOTED PRESIDENT CARTER AS SAYING, "WE ARE OURSELVES CULPABLE IN SOME WAYS FOR NOT GIVING PEOPLE ADEQUATE RIGHTS TO MOVE AROUND OUR COUNTRY. . ."

2. FOREGOING CONVINCES US WE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT INFORM GOB THAT WE HAVE PURPOSELY INTERRUPTED FORWARD MOVEMENT ON TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS, AS VENTILATED PARA 4 REFTTEL. TO DO SO MIGHT VERY WELL OPEN US TO SPECIFIC ATTACK AT BELGRADE AS HAVING UNILATERALLY SET SPECIAL CONDITIONS TO UNDERTAKINGS WE FREELY ENDORSED AT HELSINKI.

3. WE ALSO DO NOT BELIEVE THAT EITHER MOVING FORWARD OR HOLDING UP ON ELIMINATION OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS WILL AFFECT WHAT GOB DOES IN MAREV CASAQM IN FACT, IT IS MOST LIKELY
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THAT ASSERTING THAT LINKAGE WOULD LEAD THE GOB TO CONCLUDE IT MIGHT AS WELL STAND PAT IF THAT IS THE WORST THAT WILL HAPPEN.

4 OUR CONCLUSION, IN SHORT, IS THAT WE HAVE ALREADY PROCEEDED SUFFICIENTLY FAR WITH NEGOTIATING MUTUAL ELIMINATION OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS SO THAT HOLDING UP NOW WILL NOT ASSIST

RESOLUTION OF THE MAREV CASE AND WILL BE EMBARRASSING FOR
SEVERAL OTHER REASONS. BUT WE DO NOT CONSIDER THE EASING
OF OUR OWN TRAVEL TO BE A TRULY SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN THE
EQUATION SINCE WE WILL STILL BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME
RESTRICTIONS AS OTHER EMBASSIES HERE.
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